

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S Congressman Tom Rooney (R-FL) today joined the House Republican Economic Recovery Working Group to launch [YouCut](#) , a first-of-its kind initiative that will allow the American people to vote on which wasteful spending programs they would like to cut.

“Beginning today, people in the 16th district and across the country will be able to vote and decide which spending cuts Washington should enact. Each week, once the American people have spoken, Republicans will force an up-or-down vote in the House of Representatives on the spending cut that receives the most support. It’s pretty simple – you tell us what you’d like to cut, and we make sure Congress has the chance to listen.

“This project will not cure Washington’s spending problems in one fell swoop, but if we can pass these spending cuts, it will prove that we are ready to change from a culture of spending to a culture of saving. If we cannot pass these cuts, the American people will be left to wonder – if this Congress is not willing to cut the small things, how will it ever show the courage to tackle the bigger issues?

“Every day, families in Florida have to make tough decisions and cut back on things they can no longer afford. Why should Congress act any differently?”

### **How it works:**

The project revolves around a very simple two step process:

1. Each week, the House Economic Recovery Solutions Group will post online (at <http://republicanwhip.house.gov/YouCut>) a list of five proposals to reduce wasteful or unnecessary spending. The public will have a chance to vote online or on their cell phones on the proposal they would most like to see Congress take up the next week. (

**You**

Vote)

2. The next week House Republicans will force the House to vote on whether or not to take up and debate the bill. (We **Cut**)

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